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PRODUCTION OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector steel plants are producing various steel costlier than private sector steel plants;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantity of steel produced by the public sector and private sector steel plants annually, separately;

(d) the quantity of steel required by the domestic market and foreign countries; and

(e) the latest position of world report about per capita of steel consumption in India and other countries viz. China, USA, U.K., Japan etc.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): It is not in the commercial interest of the organisations, whether in the Public or Private Sector to disclose the cost of production as such commercial data is basically confidential in nature. The cost of production of steel depends upon other factors, like, the scale of operations, technology adopted, locational advantages, efficiency level of labour etc. There is no definite evidence to indicate a generally applicable correspondence between cost efficiency and ownership of plants to show that steel produced by public sector steel plants are costlier than those of private sector steel plants.

(c) The quantity of finished steel produced by the public and private sector steel plants is as follows:

(In million tonnes)

1999-2000			2000-01			2001-02		
Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total
8.35	17.93	26.28	9.65	19.62	29.27	9.95	20.66	30.61

(d) The quantity of steel required by the domestic market during the year 2001-02 was 27.21 million tonnes while the quantity of steel exported to foreign countries by India during the same period was 2.63 million tonnes.

(e) The latest available information about per capita steel consumption in India and other countries viz. China, USA etc. is indicated below:

Country	Per Capita steel consumption (Kg)
China	110.7
USA	426.5
UK	224.5
Japan	599.8

India 27

Source: IISI